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Letter dated 2 July 2007 from the Secretary-General to the President of the Security Council

Pursuant to Security Council resolution 1244 (1999), I have the honour to convey the attached report on the international security presence in Kosovo covering the period from 1 to 30 April 2007 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would bring it to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **Ban** Ki-moon

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Annex

Letter dated 27 June 2007 from the Secretary-General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to the Secretary-General

In accordance with paragraph 20 of Security Council resolution 1244 (1999), I attach a report on the operations of the Kosovo Force covering the period from 1 to 30 April 2007. I would appreciate your making this report available to the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Jaap **de Hoop Scheffer**

Enclosure

Monthly report to the United Nations on the operations of the Kosovo Force

1. This report covers the period from 1 to 30 April 2007.

2. As at 30 April 2007, the total number of troops in theatre was 15,796, which included 2,520 troops from non-NATO countries and the temporarily deployed operational reserve battalion.

3. There was no change to the status of partner/non-NATO country contributions.

Political situation

4. Discussions in the Security Council on President Ahtisaari's plan for a Kosovo future status were held on 3 April 2007. Reactions to the plan from the Kosovo Albanian side were positive, whereas the Kosovo Serbs increasingly pressured their political actors to position themselves against the plan. In this regard, the Municipal Assembly of Leposavic adopted a text declaring the status proposal unacceptable, calling for renewed negotiations, and condemning the support of UNMIK and the Kosovo Force (KFOR).

5. The 15 members of the Security Council carried out a fact-finding mission to Belgrade and Kosovo from 26 to 28 April 2007. No incidents were reported. The Security Council delegation met with key representatives of all ethnicities. During the visit, an estimated 3,000 to 4,000 Kosovo-Serbs gathered at the Kosovo administrative boundary line to protest against the Ahtisaari plan and to demand to return to their homes. It was later assessed that many of those that had gathered at the administrative boundary line already live in Kosovo.

Security situation

6. No incidents of ethnic violence were reported in April 2007.

7. No incidents of violence or threats against KFOR were recorded in April 2007.

8. A total of 300 incidents related to unexploded ordnance (126), illegal weapons possession (71), weapons and ammunition findings (31), drugs (13), counterfeit currency (7), smuggling (9), human trafficking (1) and miscellaneous criminal incidents (42) were reported during April, compared to 304 in the previous month.

KFOR operations

9. The operational tempo of KFOR framework operations remained calm in April. KFOR forces are engaged in framework operations as well as intelligence-driven operations to ensure a safe and secure environment and to remain prepared to react to potential disturbances Kosovo wide. The German Operational Reserve Force battalion has completed its operational rehearsal level 3 and redeployed back to Germany. The Italian Operational Reserve Force battalion will conduct the next operational rehearsal starting in June 2007.

Compliance

10. There was no meeting of the Disciplinary Board in April.

Kosovo Protection Corps

11. There was no recruitment campaign for the Kosovo Protection Corps (KPC) in April.

12. The current active personnel establishment is 2,936. There were 201 (6.84 per cent) active ethnic minority members (174 males, 27 females): 36 Ashkalis, 4 Roma, 12 Egyptians, 15 Croats, 53 Bosniaks, 38 Turks, 1 Goran and 42 Serbs. The total numbers of ethnic minorities decreased by three members compared to the previous month. The reserve personnel establishment list includes 2,000 positions, 1,892 filled, of which the ethnic minority number is 48 (2.45 per cent), the same as last month.

13. KFOR continues to support UNMIK in training KPC on civilian and non-political aspects. The officer career course continues with 17 students, as does the officer basic course with 27 students. The basic training course, which started with 33 students, now counts only 12 students. Twenty-one of them left for various reasons, mostly health issues. English language courses continue with a total of 362 students. KPC also continues with computer course second generation and all other training as planned. Eighteen students of the third generation staff and command course graduated successfully on 27 April.

14. During the month of April there were 27 ceremonies in which 582 KPC members and 530 civilians were involved. No incidents were reported.

Conclusion

15. The overall situation in Kosovo is calm but the political uncertainty related to the future status could raise some tensions in the near term. KFOR is prepared for all contingencies and stands ready to maintain safety and security in Kosovo. The threat level against UNMIK and other international community facilities remains medium, and the threat level against KFOR remains low.